

Arlington Historical Commission
Minutes for the Meeting of
Tuesday, 6 April 2021
Remote Participation Meeting, 7:45pm

1. Call to Order: Commissioners Pamela Meister, Eric Stange, Dianne Schaefer, Michael Gervais and Chair, JoAnn Robinson.
2. Review of protocols for remote meetings and hearings.
3. Review of minutes: Minutes reviewed from March 2021 meeting and approved with edits.
4. Communications Received:
 - a. Message regarding the posting of the February minutes to the website.
 - b. Request for decision approval for 5 Bartlett Avenue.
 - c. Request regarding the properties at 15 Rockmount Road and 66 Lennon Road as to whether they are considered historically significant. Neither property is on the Inventory
 - d. Letter sent to the Building Department regarding 39 and 43 Winter Street stating that the demolition delay is no longer in effect on these properties. The demolition request is approved.
 - e. Demolition request for 68 Hodge Road.
 - f. Email from Lynette Culverhouse seeking input from the Historical Commission regarding a proposed article for this year's warrant. Article 46: To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaw by adding to Section 8 a new provision substantially as follows: there is hereby established a temporary moratorium on the demolition, in whole or in part, of older small affordable houses, for a period of two years from the dated of final adjournment of this Town Meeting or when the Town establishes a method of protecting such houses in order to promote the Town's goals of economic diversity and affordability, whichever first occurs. For purposes of this provision, the term "older small affordable houses" shall mean houses built before 1950 with a footprint of less than 1,000 square feet. Or take any action related thereto.
 - g. Request from Joan Roman regarding the status of the Historical Commission's submission to the 2020 Annual Report.
 - h. Message regarding interest in people that have an archeology background and are also metal detectorists to visit key sites in Arlington to neatly survey and investigate possible artifacts that could be used to study and/or display. Respond to Robert Gainfort at rgainfort@gmail.com
 - i. Confirmation request from Rick Vallarelli that 372 Appleton Street is not on the Inventory.
 - j. 47 Bartlett Avenue plans for renovation.
 - k. Message from Commissioner Gervais regarding work in process at 4-6-8 Court Street Place. No hearing was held regarding this work and a stop work order has been issued Michael Ciampa from the Building Department as this property is under the jurisdiction of the Historical Commission.
 - l. Information request regarding 10 Plymouth road and 45 Claremont Avenue and whether they are historical properties.

Historical Commission FY 2021 Budget- Nothing to report.

6. Projects Proceeding under Hearings and Approvals:

- a. 3-11 Lakeview Street 4/16 Schaefer/Robinson- Stop Work Order
- b. 39 Winter Street 9/17-Preferentially Preserved- 1 year-demolition delay
- c. 43 Winter Street 9/17-Preferentially Preserved- 1 year-demolition delay
- d. 32 Kensington Road 5/18 – Nothing to report.
- e. 21 Teel Street 12/18 – All the siding has been removed and has Tyvek covering. The windows have been installed.
- f. 29 Churchill Avenue 6/20 Stange- Nothing to report.
- g. 7 Village Lane 8/20 Robinson/Gervais- Nothing to report.
- h. 38 Teel Street 9/20 Gervais/Schaefer-Nothing to report.
- i. 476 Massachusetts Avenue 9/20- Nothing to report.
- j. 51 Grove Street 11/20 Gervais- Nothing to report.
- k. 43 Bailey Road 2/21 Robinson-Nothing to report.
- l. 46 Temple Street 2/21 Gervais/Schaefer-Nothing to report.

7. Discussions and Hearings:

7:50pm- Continued Formal Hearing for 5 Bartlett Avenue with homeowner, Shankar Sahai.

Plan presented:

- Removal of aluminum siding to investigate what is underneath.
- Has hired a new contractor who does restoration work.

Eric Stange made a motion to approve the plan to remove the aluminum siding with the intention of retaining and restoring the existing cedar siding and the owner will work closely with the Commission on all next steps.

Roll call vote: All voted in approval of the plan.

Monitor- Eric Stange

8:00pm- Formal Hearing for 659-671 Massachusetts Avenue with presenter Rich Canzano. Associates Block located at 659-671 Massachusetts Avenue was built in 1905 (four story section) and completed in 1910. The plan is to replace all 2nd floor windows with Energy Star windows. The windows are manufactured by National Vinyl and are the

Northwind III style. The window trim will be the same color Gambrel Brown and windows will have no grills. Collegiate Windows has been contracted to install the replacement windows. There will be no structural changes to the exterior.

Dianne Schaefer made a motion to accept the replacement windows as presented. All 2nd floor windows will be replaced with Northwind III style windows manufactured by National Vinyl. The window trim will be brown and the windows will have no grills. Michael Gervais 2nded the motion.

Roll call vote- 1 Abstention. All others voted in favor.

Monitor-Dianne Schaefer

8:15pm- Formal Hearing for 63 North Union Street- Presenter did not attend.

8:45pm- Discussion for 4-6 Newman Way with David Carr, owner and presenter.

It was determined that the plans do not require the approval of the Commission, due to the changes being less than 25% of an elevation.

Due to its history as one of the oldest houses built in 1810 in Arlington, David Carr did share the history and plans for the house. He will remain in touch with the Commission.

A memo will be sent to the Building Department stating that the Commission does not have jurisdiction over the plans, but that there will be continued communication with Chair, JoAnn Robinson as the work begins.

9:10pm- Formal Hearing for 7 Fairview Avenue with the homeowners and the Anderson Windows representative.

The plan is to replace all windows with Anderson Renewal windows and remove storm windows. The windows will be 2 over 1.

It is preferable to have the dividers on the outside for the dimensional appearance and to match the character of the house.

Michael Gervais made a motion to accept the presented plans for window installation of 2 over 1 Anderson Renewal windows. The Commission is adding a request for an aftermarket mullion be installed on the outside of the windows for dimensional appearance purposes. The motion was 2nded by Dianne Schaefer.

Monitor- JoAnn Robinson

9:20pm- 11-13 Lowell Street. Continued Formal Hearing with presenter Jason Kahan and homeowner, Kat Glaropoulos.

Mr. Kahan presented updated drawings and renderings based on the discussion from the Historical Commission meeting in March. Drawings show minimizing of the dormers in the rear and the change in the window type which are now smaller. Materials used will

match in the front and the rear addition, including windows and trim. Views were shared of the sides, front and back and from above.

Commissioner Gervais made a motion to approve the plans as presented tonight. 2nded by Dianne Schaefer. Roll call vote resulted in unanimous approval.

Monitor: Michael Gervais

Whittemore Park Phase II Presentation: Presenters- Kelly Lynema, Senior Planner in the Department of Planning and Community Development, Naomi Cottrell, and Carlo Urmey from Crowley Cottrell, LLC.

Overview: Phase I will begin in mid to late May. Phase II plan is dealing with the front and rear entries to the house and the piece that goes between the Jefferson Cutter House and Mystic Street. Due to the fact the CDBG funding will support Phase II so the primary focus is addressing the accessibility issues. There will be discussion about the grade issues. Plans to improve the entry to the main entrance. Relocating the Alan Hovhannes Stone to the new garden area. The Mirak family are involved in the plans for the movement of the stone. (donated the house to the town and were involved in its movement to this current location).

Phase II is looking at accessibility to the Jefferson Cutter House.

Unable to have a flush entry at the main door so approval has been granted to have the accessible entry in the back. We have disconnected the walk from Mystic Street which is quite steep. The new back entry will feel like a prime entry, not just a back door.

Current wood fence at the front of the Jefferson Cutter House is not quite appropriate and plans are to remove the wood fence. Replace with a consistent ground covering. Level out the granite landing and door entry so that they are the same height to the front door.

Materials: Exposed aggregate concrete, wire cut brick on an asphalt base.

New Business: Look into having a joint meeting with the Arlington Historic District Commission. A date in the summer or fall was suggested.

The Whittemore Robbins House needs exterior repairs and after a tour of the property by Patsy Kraemer and Victoria Rose there will be follow up with the Historical Commission.

The Arlington Historical Commission adjourned at 10:00pm.

The next Arlington Historical Commission meeting will be May 4, 2021 for the Arlington Historical Commission, Victoria Rose, Recording Secretary.